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Dr. Burton W. Adkinson, Head  
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Dear Burt:

You wrote to Josh Lederberg on June 22 regarding a report of the NFSAIS team on its Japanese visit in 1961. Unfortunately, I retained only a poor file copy of my report submitted to Mr. Raymond Jensen of the NFSAIS. Two bound copies of my report were sent to Ray to be collated with the other reports from the three members of our team, and then forwarded them to your Foreign Science Information Office.

It should be understood that there was no collective report from the NFSAIS team. Our paths, while in Japan during June, 1961, overlapped only one week during formal discussions. The main objective of our trip was to develop understanding and cooperation between our respective organizations. As representatives of various abstracting and indexing services, it seemed expedient to establish direct exchange contracts, to understand the functions and goals of the various Japanese agencies, to cover better the Japanese literature in our respective U. S. information activities, and to integrate compatible Japanese methodology into the NFSAIS plan for the development of our services.

It seems possible that Ray Jensen, or Paul Feinstein, could arrange to send a copy of my bound report to Dr. Lederberg, on loan if not permanently. The report was submitted on a confidential basis. It should not be permitted to get into the hands of the Japanese or the general public. I included statements covering controversial subjects and political situations in the hope that it would be more useful to your staff. Perhaps a collective and a "standardized" version of the

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report can be written for general release.

I regret the difficulty in making this report available.

Cordially yours,

D. B. Baker

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cc: Dr. J. Lederberg ✓